

# PIRATES ON MOVE

## Brooks Given Sixth Defeat In Row, 8 To 4

By The Associated Press  
It's a big jump from the bottom of the heap to the first division, but the Pittsburgh Pirates are trying to prove that it can be done.

Of course, the season has a long way to run and the Pirates may hit a snag when they run into the usual heavy mid-season double-headers, but Manager Billy Meyer's crew is in third place today, pressing the St. Louis Cardinals for the lead.

Due to postponements, Meyer has been able to give his veteran pitchers such as Rip Sewell, Elmer Rice and Aaron Robinson plenty of rest and the oldtimers have come through with nine of the Pirates 15 victories.

The Pirates paid their first visit to Ebbets field, home of the Dodgers, yesterday, and shot up the place, 8-4, to hand Brooklyn its sixth straight loss.

The victory enabled the Pirates to pull to within four percentage points of the second place New York Giants and to within two and a half games of the Cards.

The Pirates took an 8-3 cuffing from the Chicago Cubs while the Cards bowed, 3-1, to the Boston Braves in a night game at Boston.

Meanwhile, the Philadelphia Athletics cut the first place American league margin of the Cleveland Indians to a half game by beating the Detroit Tigers, 9-6, while the Indians dropped an 11-5 decision to the Boston Red Sox.

The Chicago White Sox, led by two former Yankees, Bill Wight and Aaron Robinson, beat the New York Yankees, 3-0. Wight held the Yankees to three singles while Robinson drove in one run and scored another. The win was the last place Sox's fifth in 24 games.

In a night game at St. Louis the Browns eked out a 4-3 victory over the Washington Senators to hold fifth place, five percentage points behind the Tigers.

A scheduled night game between the Cincinnati Reds and the Phillies in Philadelphia was postponed because of rain.

# Western Mail Bag

## They Talk Out Loud About Idaho Football Now

By BILL JOHNSTON  
MOSCOW, Ida., May 22 (AP)—You can mention football in the state of Idaho this year without getting your mouth washed out with statistics.

Traditionally, the University of Idaho football team has been tough for almost nobody but the Idaho cheer leaders. The Vandals have won a certain distinction as the "good losers" of the Pacific Coast conference.

Other Northwest teams considered Moscow a nice, quiet place to go on Saturday afternoon to fatten offensive averages.

In Idaho, though, the consensus was: "I'm afraid we're not good enough for this league."

Then Millard F. (Dixie) Howell came out of the deep South to teach football and optimism at Idaho. As one of Alabama's greatest halfbacks and as a coach he had picked up the habit of winning.

The word took some explaining at first but Idahoans rapidly came to the conclusion that this "winning" business was just what they wanted.

This year the fans are out for big game.

And Howell? "I'm afraid," he says, "that we're not good enough for this league—yet."

Howell pulled a surprise right off when in the first game of the season last year the Vandals came out ahead of Stanford.

The victory over Stanford was news of the "man-bites-dog" class at first, but other teams kept chewing on Stanford until it became obvious that the dog just had a bad year.

So where does that leave Idaho? Item 1: The Vandals' most significant victory of last season is still unblemished. He hates to see good halfbacks paying out-of-state tuition when they don't have to.

Item 2: Idaho's 1948 schedule is rugged. First on the slate are Oregon State, Utah, UCLA and Oregon.

"We could lose our first four games very easily," Howell says, "and if a few boys get hurt."

Item 3: Three good halfbacks are trying to make like Billy Williams. They are Johnny Christensen, a senior Howell held out last year; Johnny Brogan, a spectacular sophomore passer and capable runner; and Bob Mays, a transfer from Boise Junior college.

Item 4: Idaho will have its best reserve supply of many years, better kickers, and less experience.

"We have only four seniors on the squad," Howell says. "You can see how green we will be."

But Idaho fans must be color blind or maybe studying the green through rose-colored glasses.

From 300 to 4000 of them turned out in the rain to watch the Vandals wind up spring practice with an intra-squad game. That would have been a major mid-season crowd in the old days.

The fans came away talking about a strange new development—new players coming in one after another and the play going on as though no changes had been made. They talked about the passing, the running, the kicking, the hard charging and the "great spirit."

Most, though, they talked about Dixie Howell, the Alabama boy who brought the news about winning football games to Idaho. If he needed a few more years, they said, he should have them.

He's what they like about the south.

# Santa Rosa Has Hitting Leader

By Howe News Bureau, Chicago, Ill.  
Official but incomplete batting averages for the Far West league, compiled by the Howe News Bureau of Chicago, Ill., and carrying through games of Sunday, May 16, show Al Gruenwald, first-sacker of the Santa Rosa Pirates holding a 24-point lead over his nearest rival in the chase for the league's batting championship.

Gruenwald collected 18 hits in 36 times at bat for a .500 average.

The league's statistics are incomplete because the official scorer at Oroville has sent no score sheets to the Howe agency. Consequently the Oroville Red Sox are shown as having played very few games and teams which have had games at Oroville are also shorted on their percentages.

Ed Wheeler, Marysville shortstop and manager, is hitting .476, followed by Don Taylor of Medford at .444 and Ray Perry of Redding with .429.

Perry, who doubles as the Redding Browns' third baseman and manager, leads in four departments of the ash. He has accounted for 24 hits, 58 total bases, 10 home runs and 35 runs batted in.

Gael Ames of Pittsburg, Amory Petty of Redding and Duri Vital of Marysville all deserve cells—they have swiped five bases each. Pittsburg's Ray Herold leads with doubles, seven, and Vital has collected three singles.

Don Tierney of Santa Rosa has won three games and lost none to lead the pitchers.

Pitching records show that Delos Smith of Marysville is the workhorse hurler, having appeared in six games for 38 innings. He has a record of 3-1.

Jimmy Nums of Pittsburg has fashioned 24 strikeouts in 29 innings. Lloyd Harding of Medford has 22 in 27. Larry Shepard has 20 in 13 frames. Up among the leaders in the SO department are Joe Nicholas of Klamath Falls with 20 in 21 innings and Bob Lopenam with 19 in 22 stanzas of work. Delos Smith of Marysville has 32 bases on balls to pace that department.

Player	Pos.	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	RBI	Pct.
Gruenwald, SR	1b	9	36	13	18	28	6	2	0	1	1	11	.500
Wheeler, Mary.	3b	8	21	9	10	14	1	0	1	0	3	8	.476
Taylor, Med.	of	8	36	16	16	30	4	2	2	0	1	14	.444
Perry, Red.	3b	15	56	17	24	58	4	0	10	0	0	35	.429
Bennett, Mary.	2b	11	48	14	17	20	3	0	0	2	2	7	.425
Dykes, SR	of	9	29	11	12	24	2	2	2	1	0	10	.400
Sylvus, SR	of	9	35	5	14	18	0	2	0	1	0	14	.400
Wert, Red.	2b	15	53	19	21	28	4	0	1	1	4	13	.396
Wagner, SR	ss	9	31	18	12	24	1	1	3	0	0	8	.387
Clardy, Med.	1b	9	31	8	12	16	2	1	0	0	1	4	.387
Bianchini, KP	of	8	34	6	13	16	3	0	0	0	0	4	.382
Herold, Pitt.	2b	13	50	11	18	32	7	2	1	0	2	9	.360
Ames, Pitt.	of	13	50	11	18	24	4	1	0	0	5	14	.360
Maddern, Mary.	of	6	28	6	10	12	2	0	0	0	1	4	.357
Emerson, Pitt.	3b	8	29	7	10	20	4	0	2	1	1	6	.345
Morgan, Wil.	c	10	32	10	11	16	3	1	0	0	3	7	.344
Petty, Red.	of	15	63	17	21	29	4	2	2	2	5	9	.339
Vital, Mary.	of	11	45	20	15	30	3	3	2	0	5	11	.333
Taylor, KP	3b	10	33	9	11	16	5	0	0	1	0	11	.333
Thyack, Wil.	of	8	24	8	8	14	6	0	0	1	2	3	.333
Gantenbein, KP	3b	5	18	4	6	10	1	0	1	0	2	5	.333
Johnson, SR	2b	9	37	4	12	15	1	1	0	1	1	6	.324
Hodges, Med.	of	7	28	7	9	10	1	0	0	0	1	7	.321
Solari, Red.	ss	15	60	15	19	26	5	1	0	0	3	10	.317
Reagan, SR	c	7	19	4	6	7	1	0	0	0	0	8	.316
Mankey, KP	c	12	51	11	16	24	6	1	0	0	0	12	.314
Gonzales, Pitt.	of	13	46	14	18	1	0	1	0	2	4	30	.304
Hamilton, Med.	c	7	23	7	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	.304
Whitt, KP	of	6	20	4	6	6	0	0	0	0	1	4	.300

# Knox, Russian Take Tag Match Victory

Pete Belcastro and Al Szasz fazed last night in their quest to subdue the ever-victorious Buddy Knox, who teamed up with a newcomer to the local squared circle, Alex Kasabosky, in taking the armory tag-team match main event.

The Weed Assassin and the Pennsylvanian were apparently sworn enemies after the brawl, however, since Pete was sporting a shiner inflicted by Knox early in the bout.

The Russian newcomer fared badly during the biggest part of the brawl. He began quite a repertoire of meanie tactics on Szasz, but when Belcastro climbed in and on the Russo was caught in a barrage of fists, knees and fingers.

Knox showed little inclination to square off with the Assassin until Pete got in trouble.

The opener saw Jack Poppenheim and another first-nighter, Billy Hunter, maul their way to a round-limit draw.

Poppenheim grabbed the first in the second go with a whirling leg-lock, and Hunter took his fall with a bear-hug in the fourth canto.

# ROOSEVELT IS GRADE SCHOOL TRACK CHAMP

Roosevelt school grabbed the city grade school track meet Friday afternoon on Modoc field, taking 47 1/2 points to 41 1/2 for second-place Pelican.

Mills came in third, followed by Riverside, Fairview and Fremont.

Calvin Gilmore of Pelican raced through three first places in class A competition—75-yard dash, high jump and broad jump—a tie in the latter with Jerry Madden of Riverside, for 14 1/2 points to lead in that division.

Pelican school was class A winner. In class B Billy Waybrandt of Roosevelt scored 9 1/2 personal points to lead in his division and Roosevelt was the team winner. Waybrandt had a first tie for first and was a member of the winning shuttle relay team.

Jimmie Bevans of Roosevelt was It Gets Laughs

SAN FRANCISCO, May 22 (AP)—Russ Newland, the thoroughbred named for Russ Newland, the Associated Press' Pacific Coast sports writer, won his first race at Hollywood park this week.

Today Newland, the man, celebrated the victory of Newland, the horse, by wearing a gaudy, hand-painted tie with an unusual design—half man and half horse.

# Gems Look Forward To Single Tilt Tonight, Twin Bill Sunday

With the Santa Rosa series completely washed out, the Klamath Falls Gems now turn their baseball attentions to another visiting outfit from the far end of the Far West league, the Pittsburg Diamonds.

The schedule calls for a single game tonight at 7:45 out at Gems stadium on Crest street, and a double-header Sunday afternoon, starting at 1:30.

Harring more rain, the field may be ready for play tonight and is expected to be in fair shape by Sunday.

The Gems and Pittsburg will have Monday off for travel and will make the long haul, Pittsburg going back home to play Medford and Klamath Falls going all the way down to Santa Rosa to catch up with the league-leading Pirates.

The Pirates, meanwhile, have three games slated against the Dodgers at Medford, while Pittsburg has come across the mountain from Medford after having been washed out by rain over there.

Since virtually all the players on the Gems roster are natives of California, they are more than somewhat perplexed by the Klamath weather, despite repeated assurances that the current storm is "unusual" and that Klamath Falls will have some hot weather later on.

The weather finally gave the circuit a break last night on three fronts, but the Pittsburg Diamonds probably would just as soon they'd been rained out another time. Pittsburg went down before the Medford Dodgers by a resounding 17-1 score.

Manager Larry Shepard of the Dodgers did the twirling and allowed the Diamonds only two hits. He fanned 13.

At Marysville a ninth-inning Redding rally was stopped at four runs and just in time to allow the Braves to beat the Browns 7 to 6. Manager Ray Perry of the Browns contributed a two-run homer over the left field fence.

The last-place Willows Cards cleaned 12 hits from the Oroville Red Sox to come through with an 11 to 5 triumph.

# Portland High Thinclads Get Dual Meet Win

MEDFORD, May 22 (AP)—Portland high schools won the first annual track meet with Southern Oregon high schools here last night 68-64.

Medford, winner of the state track meet, dominated the scoring, piling up 42 of the southerners' points, but Portland was deeper in strength.

The Preppers bettered two marks set in state meets and tied another. Jim Newcomb of Portland's Benson high ran the mile in 4:23.6 minutes, 4 of a second under the state mark set by George Fullerton of Ashland in 1946.

Leroy Cox of Portland's Franklin high pole vaulted 12 feet 9 inches to equal the state mark of George Rasmussen of Bend, set in 1946.

Lloyd Jepson of Benson went the 800-yard run in 1:59, to better the time he made in setting a state mark of 2:00.4 last week.

Summary: Pole vault—1, Cox, Franklin; 2, Nelson, Ashland; 3, Leblanc, Ashland; 4, Barbour, Roosevelt. Winning height, 12 feet 9 inches.

Shot put—1, Duff, Grant; 2, Mottern, Medford; 3, Calbrese, Franklin; 4, Shaw, Grant. Winning distance, 52 feet 3 inches.

High hurdles—1, Stone, Klamath Falls; 2, Morris, Medford; 3, Pitts, Medford; 4, Waterworth, Washington. Time, 15.4 seconds.

Low hurdles—1, Riggs, Medford; 2, Brock, Washington; 3, Timmons, Medford; 4, Brinson, Jefferson. Time, 10 seconds.

Mile—1, Newcomb, Benson; 2, Jones, Jefferson; 3, Hogg, Medford; 4, Pendleton, Roosevelt. Time 4 minutes 23.6 seconds.

400-yard dash—1, Riggs, Medford; 2, Lee, Jefferson; 3, McCann, Franklin; 4, McGraw, Medford. Time, 50.5 seconds.

Low hurdles—1, Morris, Medford; 2, Waterworth, Washington; 3, Babcock, Washington; 4, Pitts, Medford. Time, 23.1 seconds.

Broad jump—1, Carter, Medford; 2, Nelson, Ashland; 3, Flora, Klamath; 4, Jenne, Washington. Distance, 21 feet.

220-yard dash—1, Brock, Washington; 2, Timmons, Medford; 3, Brinson, Jefferson; 4, Kohen, Grants Pass. Time, 22 seconds.

High jump—1, Barnes, Jefferson; 2, Kincheloe, Benson; 3, Nelson, Ashland; 4, Cox, Franklin. Height, 6 feet.

Half mile—1, Jepson, Benson; 2, Gleason, Medford; 3, Brethauer, Jefferson; 4, Merritt, Jefferson. Time, 1 minute 59.3 seconds.

Half mile relay—1, Medford (Riggs, Morris, Shangle, Timmons); 2, Washington; 3, Jefferson; 4, Klamath Falls. Time, 1 minute 31.2 seconds.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT  
NEW YORK—Anton Raadik, 161, Estonia, outpointed Smuggly Hursey, 156 1/2, Washington, 10 Henry "Snow" Flakes, 198 1/2, Buffalo, outpointed Lee Oms, 192, Detroit, 10.

HOLLYWOOD—Frank Augustin, 165 1/2, Los Angeles, stopped Marvin Liddell, 164 1/2, Oklahoma City, 5.

POE VALLEY  
Jean Tucker is recovering from a broken arm received when she fell from a hay rack.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor High were honored Wednesday evening with a shower at the community hall. A nice gift was presented from their friends. Games were played, and later in the evening, refreshments were served. People of the community extend their best wishes and congratulations to the newlyweds.

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One of the best known figures in major league baseball is this fellow who is recognizable from the back almost as readily as from the front—Pittsburgh's Honus Wagner.

# Zale Says Three Heats

CHICAGO, May 22 (AP)—The third renewal of the blistering Rocky Graziano-Tony Zale feud for the middleweight title apparently will last long again.

Quietly, a razor-sharp, hollow-cheeked Zale said today: "I'm going out to get Graziano quick, maybe in three rounds."

Zale isn't bragging. Neither would he be Graziano if he said the same thing.

Thus, the June 9 championship fust at Newark, N. J., may be even hotter than the first two explosions between Champion Graziano and Challenger Zale, both of which ended in sixth round knockouts.

Zale, who commutes daily from his Gary, Ind., home for workouts at ringside gym, is down to 159 pounds. That's the weight he intends to carry against Graziano two and a half weeks hence.

Pioneers In Sunday Game

Providing it doesn't rain—a statement which necessarily must accompany announcements of baseball games in Klamath Falls this time of year, it seems—the Pioneers will play host to the Dunsmuir Railroaders in a Northern California league game Sunday afternoon.

The tilt is scheduled for 2:30 at Recreation field.

The Pioneers have a grade of one win and one loss this season. The Pioneers are made up entirely of local boys, including Ernie Bishop, Johnny Pastega, Jimmie West and Mario Pisan of last year's championship Klamath Sons.

Another local team, the Pioneer Juniors, will go to Chiloquin for an Interstate league game with the Chiloquin Panthers.

Class B Tourney Opens Monday

Six class B grade school softball teams will see action Monday night in the opening round of the annual class B tourney and Fremont will sit the first game out by a bye.

Drawings put Roosevelt against Mills and Pelican against Riverside "m" d girls at 8:30 p.m. on in while Conger takes on Fairview at 5 p. m.

All games of the first round will be played on Pelican school field.

# The STANDINGS

FAR WEST

W	L	Pct.
Santa Rosa	11	6 .547
Marysville	9	6 .500
Oroville	9	7 .563
Redding	9	7 .563
Klamath Falls	8	9 .471
Pittsburg	8	10 .444
Medford	7	11 .389
Willows	6	11 .353

Yesterday's Results  
Medford 17, Pittsburg 1.  
Marysville 7, Redding 6.  
Willows 12, Oroville 7.  
Klamath Falls-Santa Rosa, postponed.

Pacific Coast

San Francisco	22	16 .567
Los Angeles	31	21 .596
Oakland	29	21 .580
Seattle	23	21 .523
San Diego	25	26 .490
Hollywood	21	25 .457
Sacramento	16	29 .348
Portland	16	32 .327

Yesterday's Results  
Portland 2-0, Sacramento 1-1.  
Los Angeles 5, Seattle 5.  
Oakland 13, San Francisco 2.  
Hollywood 7, San Diego 5.

American League

Cleveland	16	7 .696
Philadelphia	17	9 .654
New York	15	10 .600
Detroit	14	15 .483
St. Louis	11	12 .478
Boston	12	14 .472
Washington	11	15 .423
Chicago	5	19 .208

Yesterday's Results  
Chicago 3, New York 0.  
Philadelphia 9, Detroit 6.  
Boston 11, Cleveland 5.  
St. Louis 4, Washington 2.

National League

St. Louis	16	8 .667
New York	11	10 .520
Pittsburg	15	12 .556
Boston	14	12 .538
Philadelphia	14	13 .519
Chicago	11	14 .440
Brooklyn	11	16 .407
Cincinnati	10	19 .345

Yesterday's Results  
Pittsburg 8, Brooklyn 4.  
Chicago